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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER COST OF HAWK AND RELATED SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. DOD IS PREPARING DETAILED BREAKDOWN CURRENT COST FIGURES, WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE YOU AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, HOPEFULLY EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 95 MILLION DOLLARS AND 225 MILLION DOLLARS COST ESTIMATES IS LARGELY DUE, HOWEVER, TO RADICAL CHANGES MADE IN HAWK SYSTEM SINCE PUBLICATION OF FMS MATERIEL DATA BOOK IN 1974 FROM WHICH ORIGINAL FIGURES OF 95 MILLION DOLLARS WERE DRAWN. THE NEW HAWK SYSTEM IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED, AND USES ONLY BASIC COMPONENTS OF EARLIER GENERATION. RADAR SYSTEM IS MORE COMPLEX, AND IS STILL CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR US TECHNICAL EXPERTS. OLDER SYSTEM IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

3. MORE DETAILED RESPONSE FOLLOWS AS SOON AS INFORMATION
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